



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Portland District

PUBLIC NOTICE
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
WETLAND IRRIGATION / RESTORATION PROJECT
COUGAR RESERVOIR
LANE COUNTY, OREGON

CENWP-PM-E-03-02
Issue Date: March 26, 2003
Expiration Date: April 26, 2003

30 Day Notice

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Portland District, proposes to install a temporary irrigation system capable of irrigating approximately 20 acres adjacent to the South Fork of the McKenzie River in Lane County, Oregon during drawdown of the Cougar Reservoir. Smith Creek enters the South Fork of the McKenzie River just upstream of the proposed work site. The irrigation system will be operated from June through September of 2003 and 2004. A total of 12-15 8-hour days of irrigation is planned per year. Planting of several hundred ball and bare root willows within the upper reaches of the site, between the full pool level and approximately -20 feet will occur in 2003. There is also opportunity for growing rooted stock of other native species exhibiting flood tolerance. Irrigation will aid in prevention of invasion of non-native upland plants during drawdown and establishment of wetland plantings.

Environmental Documents: A draft Environmental Assessment addressing the impacts associated with the activity is enclosed for public review and comment.

State Water Quality Certification: Covered under Nationwide Permit 27.

Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972: Not applicable. The project location is outside the Coastal Zone.

Additional Information and Comments: Questions or comments regarding the enclosed environmental documents should be directed to Steve Helm, Environmental Resources Branch, telephone (503) 808-4778, or at the address below. Comments on this notice must be mailed by the above closing date to:

District Engineer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineer District, Portland
Attn: CENWP-PM-E
P.O. Box 2946
Portland, Oregon 97208-2946

In your response, please refer to the above public notice number, title and date.

Should no response be received by the above closing date, a "no comment" response will be assumed.